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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN SCHEDULED RELEASE OF
CONVICTED ESPIONAGE AGENT

1. IN RESPONSE TO A CONSTITUENT'S INQUIRY, CONGRESSMAN
AKAKA HAS WRITTEN DEPARTMENT TO INQUIRE WHETHER SOH JOON-
SHIK WILL BE RELEASED FROM CUSTODY MAY 27 AFTER SERVING
SEVEN-YEAR SENTENCE FOR ESPIONAGE. SOH WAS REPORTEDLY
CONVICTED IN 1971 IN FIRST OF "CAMPUS SPY CASES", AND
CONSTITUTUENT, WHO IS MISSIONARY IN JAPAN, ALLEGES THAT
THERE ARE 65 KOREAN RESIDENTS OF JAPAN CURRENTLY IN
CUSTODY ON SIMILAR CHARGES.

2. IN REPLY TO CONGRESSMAN, DEPARTMENT HAS UNDERTAKEN TO
MONITOR SITUATION AND KEEP HIM INFORMED OF SOH'S SITUATION
FOLLOWING SCHEDULED RELEASE DATE. EMBASSY SHOULD FORWARD
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INFORMATION ON CASE WHICH MAY BECOME AVAILABLE. HOWEVER,
WE BELIEVE IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO MAKE DIRECT
INQUIRY TO ROKG AUTHORITIES AT THIS TIME. CHRISTOPHER

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